Submission Guidelines for the 2021-2022
Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Prizes for the Translation of Japanese Literature
&
Lindsley and Masao Miyoshi Translation Prizes and Grants

The Donald Keene Center of Japanese Culture at Columbia University annually awards up to $6000 in Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Prizes for the Translation of Japanese Literature (JUSFC). A prize is given for the best translation of a modern work or a classical work, or the prize is divided between equally distinguished translations. Translators must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States.

The Keene Center also occasionally awards Lindsley and Masao Miyoshi Translation Prizes and Grants of varying amounts. These include:

• $6000 in prizes given to outstanding translations by non-citizens or non-permanent-residents of the United States
• prizes for translations of particular scholarly merit or significance
• grants to promising translations-in-progress
• subventions for forthcoming publication of especially deserving translations
• in rare cases, lifetime achievement awards for translators with particularly distinguished careers

The submission process for the Japan-U.S. Friendship Commission Prizes and the Miyoshi Prizes and Grants is the same.

Eligibility: Translations must be of book-length Japanese works: novels, collections of short stories, manga, essays, memoirs, drama, or poetry. Submissions may be unpublished manuscripts, works in press, or books published during the three years prior to the prize year* (for the current prize, this means publication dates in 2018 and afterward). Prior recipients are eligible to submit new translations.

Eligibility Criteria for JUSFC Prizes: U.S. Citizenship or U.S. Permanent Residency

Application process: Published books and works in press should be submitted by publishers; unpublished manuscripts by translators or their agents.

1) application form
2) electronic copies of the translation
3) electronic copies of the Japanese-language original
4) a brief profile of the publisher
5) a C.V. for the translator

*Due to the continued COVID-19 crisis and for the 2021-2022 prize year only, we have extended the cut-off date of publication to prior three years instead of two. Please contact us about your submission at the email address below. All materials will not be returned. In the event we are able to accept physical copies of the books at the address below, we will let you know. Thank you for your cooperation.

All submissions should also be announced via email to:
<donald-keene-center@columbia.edu>.

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Deadline: Submissions for the 2021-2022 prize must be received by 1 June 2021.